The Gatekeeper

The offical newsletter of the

Barony of Unser Hafen

May 2025

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Incoming Baronial Bite

Greetings dearest Unser Hafen,

While we will certainly have more words for you all after Investiture, we wanted to get a quick word out to all of you. One of our goals is to maintain an open line of communication with any and all members of our Populace. To that end please see our contact information below. Please also know that we both work full time jobs so our response times may be restricted by work obligations. Rest assured, we will reach out and respond in as timely a manner as possible. Look forward to our Baronial Progress, planning for Coronation and Battlemoor as well as discussions on the next steps for our Barony. In the meantime, we would love to hear about the events you plan to attend, the activities you'll be participating in and your ideas for awards to be granted. Thank you Unser Hafen! We're excited to go on this adventure with you.

In Love and Service,

Kitta and Safiyya

Kitta:email - mistresskitta@gmail.com
Facebook - Nlkki Bobo

Safiyya email - baroness.safiyya@unserhafen.org
Facebook - Joshi Solomon-Freville

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Outgoing Baronial Bite

Unto the :Populace and Friends of Unser Hafen,

with each and everyone of you.

We are very proud of our populace, as you have worked hard to come back from the plague, to put on great events, and to showcase the skills of the fighters, the artisans, and the service members.

We encourage all of you to attend Investiture, sharing in our stepping down, and supporting Countess Kitta and Mistress Safiyya as they are invested as the new Baronesses.

Unto all of you, one last time,

Yours in Service,

Freana, Baron
Richenda, Baroness

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It has been our pleasure to serve the populace, and the Crown, these past three years. Here is hoping that we have brought joy to you all, and that the joy will stay with each and everyone of you.

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Seneschal's Sentiments

Greetings Unser Hafen!

I hope everyone is surviving the winds blowing through our Barony. I know I might seem a little repetitive but the following bears repeating! Unser Hafen Baronial Investiture, stewarded by Master Andreas and Lord Gregor, will take place on May 10 th at UNC Greeley. Come witness as Countess Kitta Ragnvaldsdottir and Baroness Safiyya bint Faris al- Dani become the 14th Coronet of Unser Hafen. Congratulate our beloved Freana and Richenda on their retirement. Celebrate a new period in the life of Unser Hafen! All this takes a lot of work and I'm sure Andreas and Gregor could use some help. If you would like to help out, please contact me. I'll be coordinating the volunteers. Look to the appropriate websites for more information on the event. There will be many activities, especially an A&S competition.

Our monthly meetings will continue to be virtual until a proper meeting site can be secured. I will get the word out when I get us a site.

In July, Unser Hafen will be hosting the Summer Coronation. Mistress Kitta and Baroness Safiyya are going to be the Event Stewards. Planning is in progress, and the location will be at UNC Greeley. They will be posting information as it comes along. Please stay tuned!

Upcoming events that might interest Unser Hafen, besides Investiture, include Grand Outlandish in al-Barran and Sohn Des Turniere un Gurkenschulcht in Caer Galen. In addition, Fire on the Plains, Battlemoor and Coronation will be happening in June and July.

For more information on these or any other events, details are available on the Outlands and Unser Hafen calendars.

The office of Arts and Sciences Minister is looking for a new Minister If you're interested. Information about this position is available on the Unser Hafen website in the "Call for Officers" or ask me or Mistress Kitta directly. Please consider volunteering for these positions. Also, if you only want to dip your toe into the pool, many of us are still looking for Deputies!

Until we meet again, I remain yours in service,

Meadhbh

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Herald's Call

It is my great pleasure to announce that Kûrios (Lord) Hilarion Angelos Akropolites has agreed to be my deputy! I will be getting him up to speed on the duties and responsibilities of a Baronial herald over the coming weeks, so please feel free to go to him with your heraldry questions (anything he can't answer he will tag me in on). Feel free to copy me if you like, but Hilarion has shown great aptitude so far and I have every faith in him.

We had a great month for submissions last month: of the 18 items on the April Letter of Presentation, nine of them were submitted by me, and six of which are for Unser Hafen residents and another one was from the heraldic consultation table at Plattfordham last month. If you're one of those submitters and are reading this: everything looks good at this time! Please feel free to reach out to myself and/or Hilarion if you have any questions about your submission, or any heraldic topic.

A minor note: I will be on vacation the first week of May (I'll be in New York for East Kingdom crown tournament and to go to museums and see the sights in NYC), returning just in time for Investiture. If you attempt to contact me during that time and I do not respond, please do not be worried: I will get back to you as soon as possible when I return. If it's time-sensitive, please feel free to reach out to Hilarion, or send me a message by Facebook Messenger.

Have a great May, and I look forward to seeing everyone at Investiture!

-- Andreas, Barbican (Acting)

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Scribal Notes

May's **Scribal Night Social** will be on the third Monday, May 19th. Bring projects, questions and general enthusiasm to share!

As always, dinner will be available at 6pm and project space/class time at 630 pm. If you would like to partake of dinner and have any food restrictions or allergies, please let Regalis know so she can plan accordingly. Or if you would like to provide dinner, volunteers are always appreciated!

Call for Deputies! The Scribal Office for the Barony of Unser Hafen is in need of Deputies! No artistic skill required for the office. Message Regalis to learn more. You

If there is a topic you would love to see covered at future Scribal Nights, please do not hesitate to share! Please email scribe@unserhafen.org with your ideas!

Yours in Service,
Regalis dei Falchi and Galen FitzThomas,
Your Friendly Neighborhood Scribal Team

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Fighter Practice

And A&S Gathering

Sundays
2:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Dwayne Webster Veterans Park
400-422 W Eisenhower Blvd,
Loveland CO 80537

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Medieval Night

Locust Cidery

First Monday of every month,
6-9 pm at Locust Ciderry,
200 Walnut St, Fort Collins.
Map
Free Admission

Join us the first Monday of each month for dancing,
garb making, arts and crafts,and general merriment.

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White Rose Inn

The White Rose Inn
On the 2nd Wednesday of every month, the White Rose Inn will open for an evening of warmth and hospitality in Unser Hafen. We are branching out a little this year from food. We may have bardic, crafts, or other topics. See the list below.
No SCA garb is required (unless noted. See June), and you are welcome to bring along food if you don't have time for dinner. We usually have snacks to share.
The Inn will rotate between Fort Collins, Loveland and Greeley.

Wednesday May 14, 2025
The Inn will be at the home of Countess Rosalind and Master Thorfinn
3601 El Caminito in Loveland Map
Phone (970) 667-1284
Subject: Cooking with FIRE! Basic outdoor cooking. **Carpool if you can**, parking is tight.

Wednesday June 11, 2025
The Inn will be at the home of Countess Rosalind and Master Thorfinn
3601 El Caminito in Loveland Map
Phone (970) 667-1284
Subject: Bardic for Battlemoor Come prepare for singing around the campfire. Bring a song, story, or food to share. **Please wear garb to this one and carpool if you can.**

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Call for Submissions

Anyone can write for the Gatekeeper!

Do you have an article or story that you would like to share with the populace?

Do you have something to share with the populace concerning an event or activity that you normally post to Facebook? Please forward that information to webminister@unserhafen.org and chronicler@unserhafen.org as well so that it can be posted using all of our communication.

Submissions are due by the 27th of the month (except February, when it is the 24th,) but are accepted at any time.

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SCA Video Conversations

Greetings from Lady Valerie from Unser Hafen! I have a personal request. Would anyone like to have a video conversation with me about your SCA journey and learning endeavors? These would just be an easier, quieter way to get to know other gentles in the Barony. I can't always make it to the events and it would be nice to meet other gentles who I haven't met before. Or have a more in depth conversation with you.

They can be recorded or not recorded, per your preference. Thinking about 45 minutes to an hour in length. I used a Zoom like app called, Streamyard that is browser based. I can manage one to two conversations a month with my other obligations.

I enjoy learning and would like to talk with other learners. If you are interested, please send me an email at val@valerieflynn.com with the Subject "SCA Video Conversations". Looking forward to talking with you soon!

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Media Team

Voices in the Box Project

We'd like to thank Lady Laurel for all her hard work behind the scenes for building our beautiful new website! And all the dedicated webminsters and chroniclers before us who served throughout the years.

If you have questions on where something got moved to, please send me an email at webminister@unserhafen.org .

With the fresh new website, we'd like to introduce a new endeavor of the Media Team, The Voices in the Box project!

What is it? How can you add your voice?

Voices in the Box is a way for gentles to add their story to the online space, whether it be the history of the barony, a bardic contribution or sharing about what you're learning in A&S.

We can record one person a month using our alchemy powers of the aether. Sorry, no editing on this stage is available. Our magic only can do so much. Editing might be available in the future.

If your video wizardry powers are mightier than ours, you're welcome to record and edit your own video to send to the Social Media Officer to post on our YouTube channel and we'll post it on the website too.

Please remember we can't post your video without a media release form. Details will be on the website. And make sure your materials don't violate copyright laws.

We hope to collect a video archives of the lore and legends of our esteemed barony. Exalt our bards and minstrels and learn something new from each others' SCA journeys.

This is where we put the spotlight on you, our marvelous gentles!

Please reach out to us if you have something to share. Whether it be our barony's history, a bardic delight or a helpful thing you learned about. Even a personal story about getting involved in one of the Barony's activities.

Looking forward to hearing your Voices in the Box!

Yours in service,

Lady Valerie and the Media Team

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Volunteer Opportunities

Get to really know your fellow gentles. Participate instead of just attend. Don't just live the dream. Be one of the ones who make the dream a reality.

We are the doers, we are the makers, we bear the spirit of the Pelican. And so can you!

Build your renown, your competence, skills, confidence and make more friends who have the same chivalrous and generous heart as you.

Volunteer opportunities range from Event Stewards, Officers and Deputies, PayPal Check-ins, Event Cooks and staff. There are even some openings in the Media Team.

How do you want to join the team? Let us know! There's room at the table for you too!

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Baronial Goings On

Armoured and Fencing Practice/ A&S Gathering
Sundays,2:00 p.m - 5:00 PM
See Fighter Practice section above for location.
We welcome any and all Arts & Sciences activities, and general SCA socializing!
Updates can be found on the Book of Faces.
Garb is encouraged

Archery Practice
Outdoor Archery practice will start Saturday, April 5th. Time is from 10 am until noon. Our outdoor location is the Windsor Archery Range at HWY 257 & Poudre Trail Road. (Use “Poudre Trail Road and Colorado 257” in your mapping application.)

Find us in the "Unser Hafen Archers" group on Facebook for any short notice changes to the schedule.

Barbican Office Hours

Calligraphy &/or Illumination
Contact: Regalis dei Falchi
Email:scribe@unserhafen.org

Craft Day at Aslief's
March 19th, then every first Saturday, April through October.
10 am to 6 pm.
1601 Turkey Walk Trail
Loveland, CO 80537
See website for more information and maps.

Equestrian Practice
Fourth Sunday of every month.
Contact: Lady Cecelia O'Connor
970-420-6652

Scribal Night
Every 3rd Monday at 6:30PM at the home of Lady Regalis dei Falchi, 5318 Ravenswood Lane, Johnstown, CO, (map) or virtually - check the Book of Faces for links to the meetings.

Where: Grimm Brothers Brewhouse, 815 14th St SW B100, Loveland, CO 80537

What: Unser Hafen's Herald, Barbican Pursuivant, hosts monthly in-person office hours for anyone interested in any aspect of heraldry to come and speak to him. Interested in researching or submitting your name or heraldry? Want to learn more about heraldic display or what heralds did in period? Want to learn more about what heralds do in the SCA or how the College of Arms works? Interested in becoming a herald? Already a herald and want to practice your conflict-checking, name documentation skills, or OSCAR commentary skills? All these and more are fair game, come on by!

Going on in Sterling

Medieval Night

First Saturday of the month at 6:00pm.
High Plains Dice and Games
100 Broadway Street Suite 12
Sterling, CO 80752

Archery Practice

First Sunday of the month, noon to 4 pm.
North Sterling State Park Range
24005 Co Rd 330
Sterling, CO 80751
For more details, contact Shelbybrandes1@gmail.com or Alan.e.brandes@gmail.com.

Visit the Website for more info, directions and any changes to the schedule for any of these activities. .

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Disclaimer

Although the SCA complies with all applicable laws to try to ensure the health and safety of our event participants, we cannot eliminate the risk of exposure to infectious diseases during in-person events. By participating in the in-person events of the SCA, you acknowledge and accept the potential risks. You agree to take any additional steps to protect your own health and safety and those under your control as you believe to be necessary.

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Unser Hafen Baronial Investiture
Saturday, May 10th, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Northern Colorado University Center
2101 10th Avenue,
Greeley, CO 80639
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Event Site

50th Grand Outlandish
May 21 @ 12:00 pm – May 26 @ 3:00 pm
Ten Points General Store 10484 NM 337,
Tijeras, New Mexico, United State
Event Site

Sohn Des Turniere um Gurkenschulcht
(Son of the Tournaments at Pickle Gulch)
May 30 @ 4:00 pm – June 1 @ 6:00 pm
Pickle Gulch Campground -
Arapaho & Roosevelt National Forests
Pawnee National Grasslands
Event Site

Summer Coronation
July 19th& 20th
Mistress Kitta and Baroness Safiyya are going to be the Event Stewards. Planning is in progress, and the location will be at UNC Greeley. They will be posting information here as it comes along. Please stay tuned!

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Check the Unser Hafen website or The Book of Faces for additional upcoming events and locations.

Populace Meeting

Virtual Populace Meeting

The third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 pm
Join with Google Meet: meet.google.com/fbz-auqx-iqi
Join by phone: +1 929-282-1162 PIN: 667 226 830#

For questions, contact seneschal@unserhafen.org

Kingdom Calendar

Please visit
https://www.outlands.org/events
for the most up-to-date information.

Court of Unser Hafen

His Excellency
Baron Freana Geardson
baron@unserhafen.org

Her Excellency
Baroness Richenda de la Selva
baroness@unserhafen.org

Court Herald - Sir Felix Sniumi
Defender - Lord Primus
Protector - Master Soren Thorvaldsson
Warden - Alain du Chateau
Equerry - Hancarata Aethnen filia Cuneddae
Arts & Sciences Champion - Lady Regalis dei Falchi
Pencerdd Bard - Viðbjǫrn Orðlokarrto
Head of Household - Lady Euphemia de Argyll

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Call for Letters of Intent

Officers & Deputies

Barbican Pursuivant (Unser Hafen Baronial Herald)

Here be proclaimed the call for Letters of Intent for the Office of Barbican Pursuivant (Unser Hafen Baronial Herald)! Are you interested in helping people research and register their names and heraldry? Would you like to learn how to run courts or announce the fighters at tournaments? Are you eager to learn about the history of heraldry? You will receive on-the-job training prior to taking over as Barbican Pursuivant as Andreas transitions to his new role as Palmer Herald, deputy to White Stag Principal Herald.

Quartermaster

Call for Letters of Intent for the Office of Quartermaster, who maintains and tracks equipment and assists Event Stewards with access to the storage unit.

In your letter please include:

- A brief introduction to yourself, including your experience within the SCA and those skills you possess which make you a good candidate.
- Confirmation that you are indeed interested and desirous of the position.
- Optionally, you can provide a listing of awards you have received.
- Your modern name
- Your society/ SCA name.
- Your postal address.
- Your telephone number.
- Your email address.
- A copy of your membership card or membership number.

Officers must maintain SCA membership for the duration of their tenure.

Please send your letter to the following:

- The Unser Hafen Seneschal, Baroness Meadhbh Daingen int Slébh, via seneschal@unserhafen.org
- The Unser Hafen Baron and Baroness, Freana and Richenda, via baronage@unserhafen.org

Thank you for volunteering to help run our Barony!

More information can be found at: https://unserhafen.wixsite.com/unserhafen/call-for-officers

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Baronial Officers

President
Baroness Meadhbh Daingen Int Slebhe
seneschal@unserhafen.org

Chancellor of the Exchequer: Treasurer
Mistress Ursula d\'Arcy
exchequer@unserhafen.org

Barbican Pursuivant Herald:
Assists members with names and devices
Don Andreas von Meißen
(Andrew R. Mizener, Ph.D)
[Kurios (Lord) Hilarion Angelos Akropolities]
herald@unserhafen.org

Scribe:
Creates award scrolls
Lady Regalis dei Falchi
[Lord Galen FitzThomas}]
scribe@unserhafen.o

Minister of Arts and Sciences:
Development of Arts and Sciences
Countess Kitta Ragnvaldsdottir
aands@unserhafen.org

Chronicler:
Creates this newsletter
Lady Caillech dhe Silvertongue
chronicler@unserhafen.org

Web Administrators
Maintains the website
Laurel M. & Valerie F.
webministerl@unserhafen.org

Social Media Officer
Manages social media accounts such as Facebook
Lady Dagny Innaldi
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Martial Arts Coordinator
Sir Uchtred Leifsson
knightmarshal@unserhafen.org

Captain of Archers:
Archery Coordinator
Earl Mika Longbow
earlmika@aol.com

Marshal of Fence:
Fencing Coordinator
Don Martin de Cuniga
[Maksym Wilozynski]
fence@unserhafen.org

Equestrian:
Coordinates the organization and safety of equestrian activities.
Lady Cecelia O'Connor
equestrian@unserhafen.org

Chatelaine/ Gold Key:
Public Relations and Welcome Coordinator
Proviides loaner garb for newcomers
Gilbertus de Messina
[Lady Caírech Liath ingen Alpin]
chatelaine@unserhafen.org

Quartermaster:
Coordinates storage, upkeep, and transportation of Baronial property
Looking for a replacement. See Call for Letters
Lord Galen FitzThomas
quartermaster@unserhafen.org

{Deputies are listed in brackets.}

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Awards and Recognitions

Hype your friends!

If it takes work, there's probably an award for it.
Information on how and why to recommend someone for an award and instructions on how to do so is available on the website.
A list of Baronial Awards can be found here.
A list of Kingdom Awards, and awards available from other groups, is available here.

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Wimble Herald

- http://wimble.outlandsheralds.org/index.php

Map to Medieval Night at Gryphon Games and Comics:

- https://www.google.com/maps/place/Gryphon+Games+and+Comics/@40.5518711,-105.0970032,18.33z/data=!4m6!3m5!1s0x87694b0722773bc9:0xfa91cd56d0a6fbe2!8m2!3d40.5517128!4d-105.0974072!16s%2Fg%2F1hc34g714?hl=en&authuser=0

Barony of Unser Hafen website:

- https://unserhafen.org

Barony of Unser Hafen Facebook page:

- https://www.facebook.com/BaronyOfUnserHafen/

Armoured and Fencing Website:

- https://unserhafen.org/rapier-heavy-summer
- Map for Edora Park: https://www.google.com/maps/@40.5648628,-105.0512051,283m/data=!3m1!1e3?entry=ttu

Archery Website:

- https://unserhafen.wixsite.com/unserhafen/archery-summer

Kingdom Calendar:

- https://www.outlands.org/events

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